



TN

Department of
Human Services

Do you need child care assistance to maintain employment or pursue post-secondary education?

You may be eligible for Smart Steps Child Care Payment Assistance if you meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be employed no less than 30 hours per week, or be enrolled and attending a post-secondary education program full time or a combination of employment and post-secondary education
- Must have a child between ages six (6) weeks through five (5) years old
- Household gross income must be below the 85th percentile of the State Median Income (SMI) for Tennessee. Please refer to the chart for Household Income Limits below.

Eligibility for assistance is based on program requirements and availability of funding.

Household Income Limits for Smart Steps

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
2	\$3,682
3	\$4,549
4	\$5,415
5	\$6,282
6	\$7,148
7	\$7,311
8	\$7,473

You may apply online at:

<https://cconlineapp.dhs.tn.gov/Home/Login>

If you have questions about child care payment assistance or need a paper application, please email childcare.certificate.dhs@tn.gov or visit <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-care-services.html>

Find a child care center near you at:

<https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-care-services/find-child-care.html>